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33. A system as recited in claim 26, wherein said identifying unit comprises modification means to modify trunk group information to reflect trunk port failures.--


REMARKS

The subject application is a divisional application of United States patent application Serial No. 09/343,718, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,104,696. In this Preliminary Amendment, original claims 1-19 have been cancelled without prejudice, and new claims 20-33 are submitted. These new claims are submitted to recite an invention which was not recited in the originally filed application, or in the originally submitted claims. Full support for these claims can be found in the specification as originally filed. No new matter, therefore, is added.

Timely consideration on the merits of new claims 20-33 is respectfully requested.

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